Data Structures Tree Traversal

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Extra Credit Reminder

MP submission on PL has two separate submissions

The extra credit portion will only test part 1

Completion of the extra credit portion by the following Monday is worth 4 points

MP_stickers feedback form out now!

Anonymous feedback form worth 2 points collectively

Learning Objectives

Review and expand on foundational tree terminology

Discuss the tree ADT

Explore tree implementation details

Binary Tree

Lets define additional terminology for different **types** of binary trees!

1. Full Tree

2. Perfect Tree

3. Complete Tree

Binary Tree: full

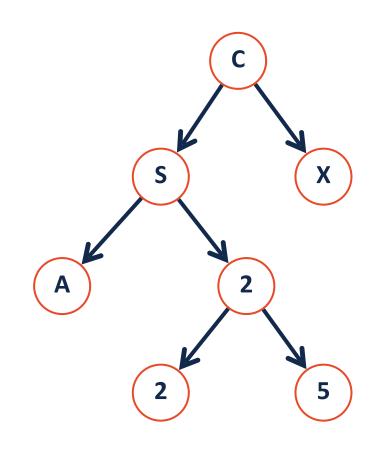
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A tree **F** is **full** if and only if:

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2.

3.



Binary Tree: full

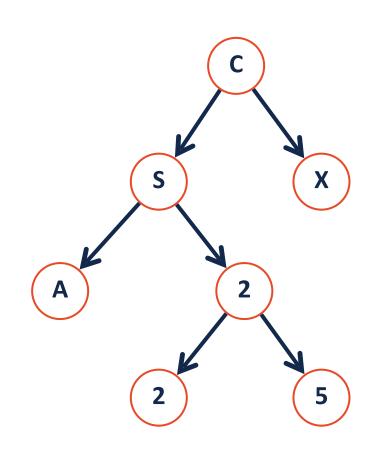
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A tree **F** is **full** if and only if:

$$1.F = \emptyset$$

$$2.F = (data, \emptyset, \emptyset)$$

3.
$$F = (data, F_l \neq \emptyset, F_r \neq \emptyset)$$



Full binary tree : Size

• Question - Which of the following are possible sizes (# of nodes) for a full binary tree?

a) 2

- b) 5
- c) 7

d) 8

- A) 2 and 8
- B) 5 and 7
- C) 7 only
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



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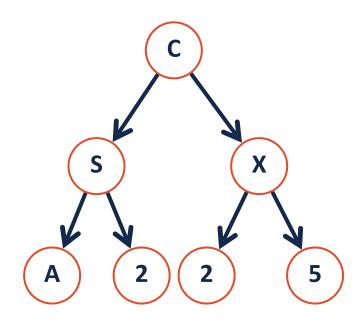
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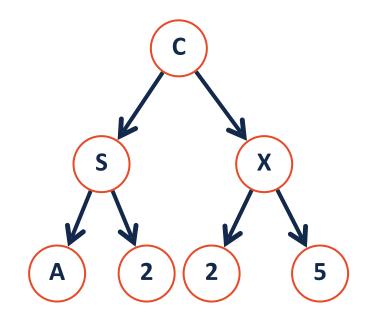
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1.
$$P_h = (data, P_{h-1}, P_{h-1})$$

$$2.P_0 = (data, \emptyset, \emptyset) \equiv P_{-1} = \emptyset$$



Perfect binary tree : Size

• Question - Which of the following are possible sizes (# of nodes) for a perfect binary tree?

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b) 5

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Binary Tree: complete A complete tree is a B.T. where...

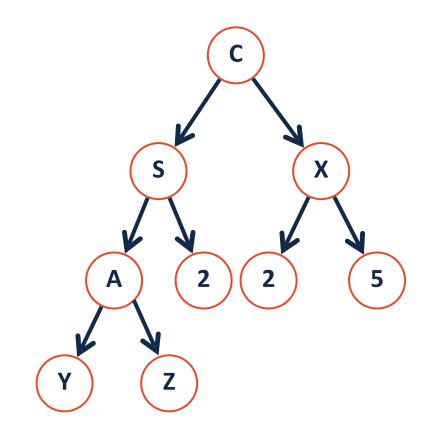
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A tree **C** is **complete** if and only if:

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Binary Tree: complete

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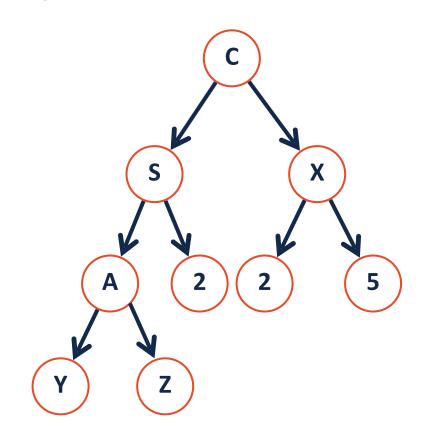
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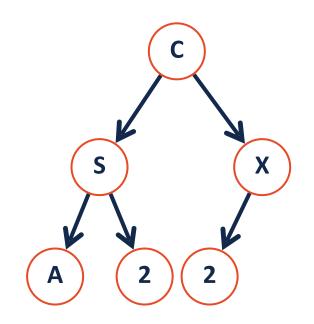
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Binary Tree



Why do we care?

1. Terminology instantly defines a particular tree structure

2. Understanding how to think 'recursively' is very important.

Binary Tree: Thinking with Types

Is every **full** tree **complete**?

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Tree ADT

Insert

Remove

Traverse

Find

Constructor

List.h

```
#pragma once
   template <typename T>
   class List {
    public:
     /* ... */
     private:
       class ListNode {
         T & data;
10
11
         ListNode * next;
12
13
14
15
         ListNode(T & data) :
16
          data(data), next(NULL) { }
17
       };
18
19
20
21
       ListNode *head ;
22
       /* ... */
23
   };
```

```
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       };
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       /* ... */
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```

Tree.h

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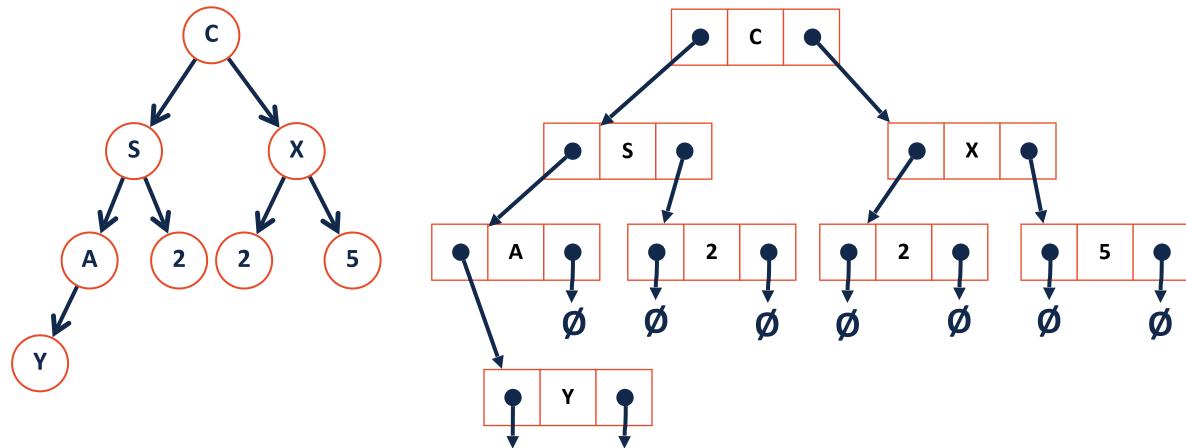
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#pragma once
   template <typename T>
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       /* ... */
    private:
       class TreeNode {
         T & data;
10
         TreeNode * left;
11
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13
         TreeNode * right;
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         TreeNode(T & data) :
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          data(data), left(NULL),
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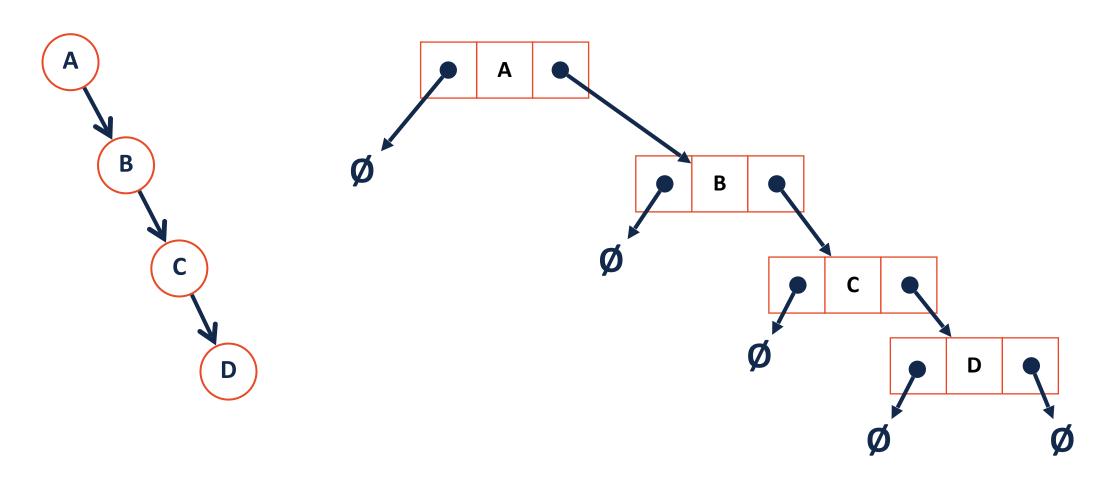
Tree.h

Visualizing trees



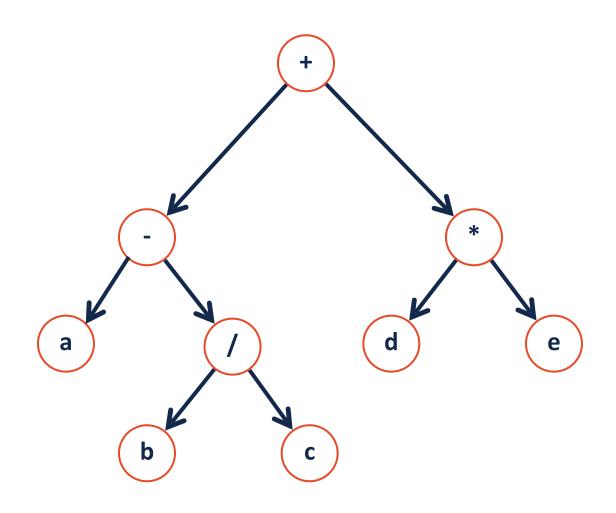


Tree Insert / Remove acts like Linked List

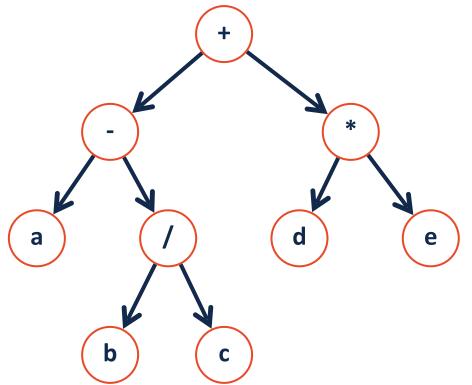


Tree Traversal

A **traversal** of a tree T is an ordered way of visiting every node once.

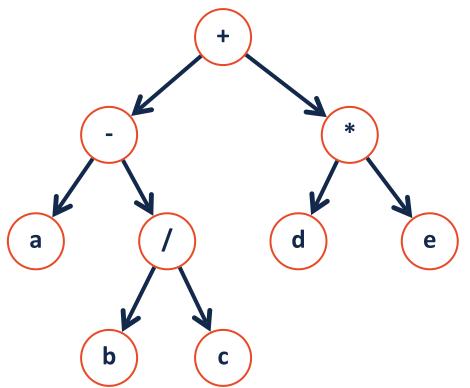


Traversals



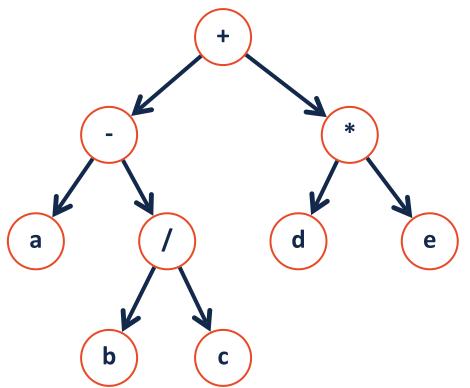
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template<class T>
                             Order (TreeNode * root)
  void BinaryTree<T>::
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Traversals



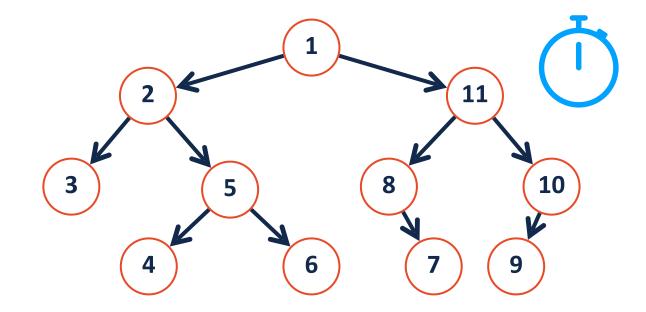
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template<class T>
                             Order(TreeNode * root)
   void BinaryTree<T>::
     if (root) {
              Order(root->left);
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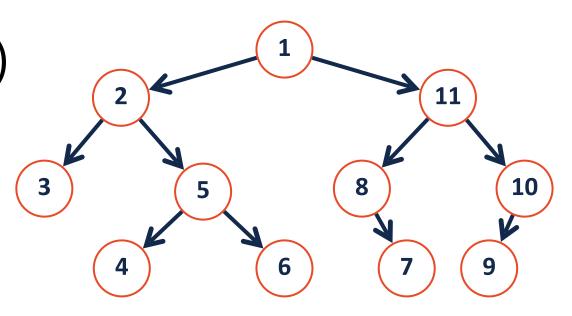


Pre-order:

In-order:

Post-order:

Tree Traversals (Solution)



Pre-order: 1 2 3 5 4 6 11 8 7 10 9

Tip: Preorder always starts with root!

In-order: 3 2 4 5 6 **1** 8 7 11 9 10

Tip: Inorder always starts with leftmost node. Root is after all left nodes!

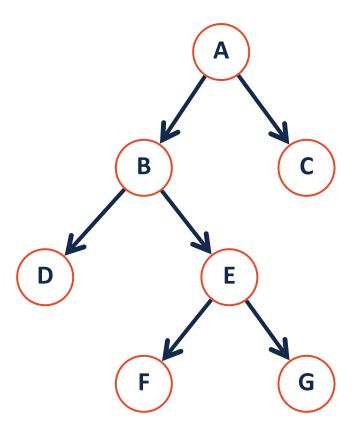
Post-order: 3 4 6 5 2 7 8 9 10 11 1

Tip: Post always starts with leftmost node. Root is always LAST node!

Traversal vs Search

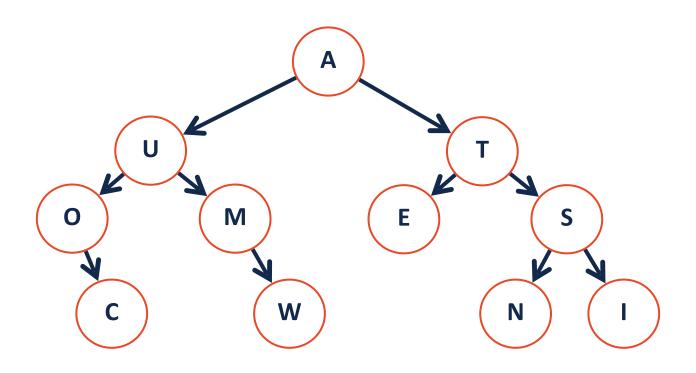
Traversal

Search



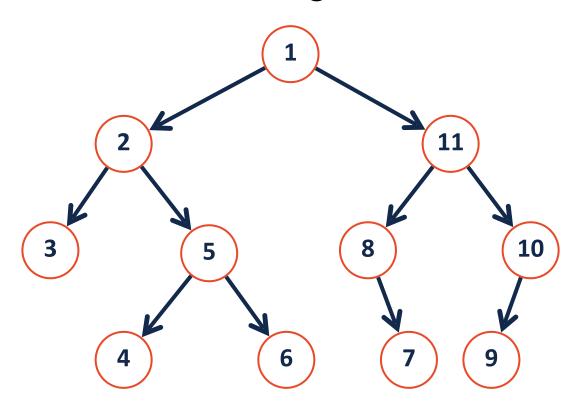
Tree Search

There are two main approaches to searching a binary tree:



Depth First Search

Explore as far along one path as possible before backtracking



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Make a stack (initialized with root)

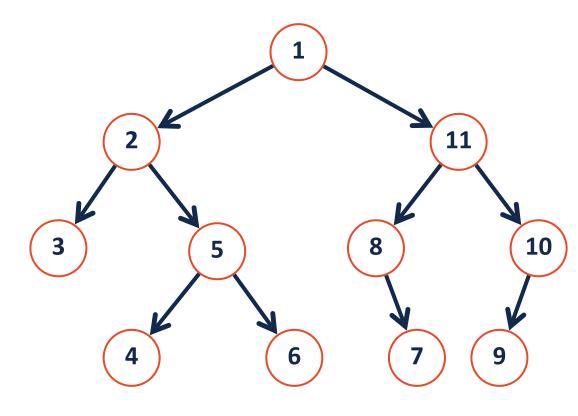
While stack not empty:

```
tmp = stack.pop()
```

print(tmp)

stack.push(tmp->right)

stack.push(tmp->left)

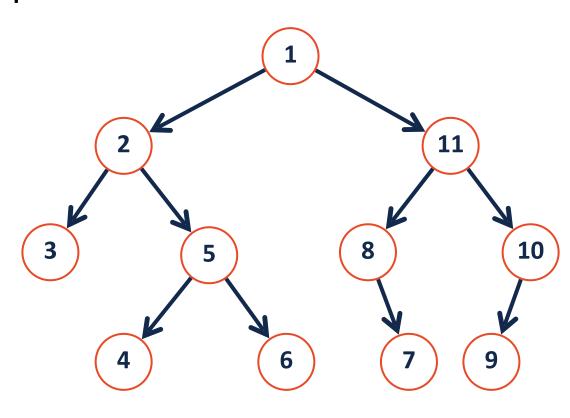


Stack:

Print:

Breadth First Search

Fully explore depth i before exploring depth i+1



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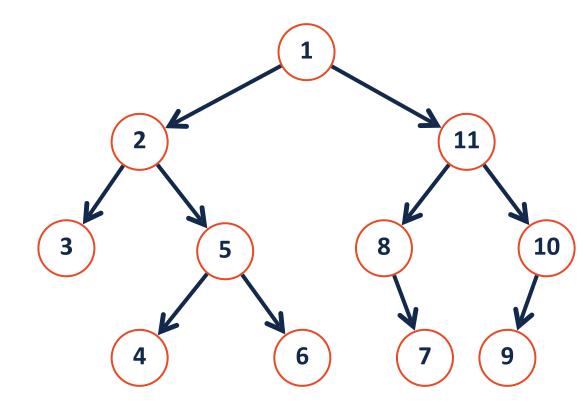
While queue not empty:

```
tmp = queue.dequeue()
```

print(tmp)

queue.enqueue(tmp->left)

queue.enqueue(tmp->right)

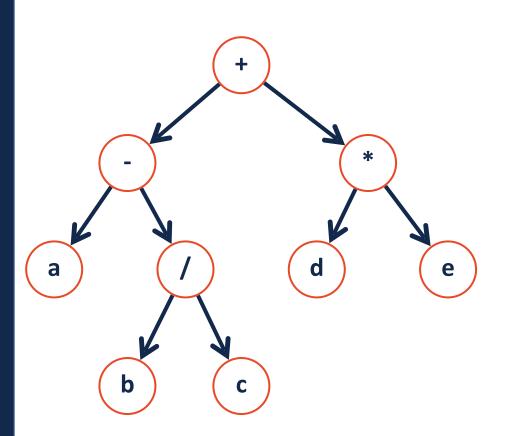


Queue:

Print:

Level-Order Traversal





```
template<class T>
 2 void BinaryTree<T>::1Order(TreeNode * root)
      Queue<TreeNode*> q;
      q.enqueue (root);
      while( q.empty() == False){
          TreeNode* temp = q.head();
10
11
         process(temp);
12
13
          q.dequeue();
14
          q.enqueue(temp->left);
15
          q.enqueue(temp->right);
16
17
18
19 }
```

Tree Search

How can we improve our ability to search a binary tree?

What do we trade in order to do so?